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## MONEY—ITS USE IN PEACE.

The feeling is general that we may do what we please with our money. So we may; but God will hold us in the last day to a strict account for the use we make of it as his stewards. Property, like every other talent committed to our care, is a sacred and important trust. How many good objects can it be made to accomplish! It may feed the hungry, and clothe the naked; may heal the sick, and relieve the suffering; may educate the ignorant, and reclaim the vicious; may provide asylums for the insane, the blind, and other victims of misfortune; may cure or prevent a thousand forms of ill that flesh is heir to; but, more than all, it may send the gospel, God's grand remedy for human woes, to millions perishing in ignorance and sin.

Among so many beneficent uses of your money, it would seem as if you could hardly go amiss; but let us call your attention to one which you may have overlooked. Have you inquired how much good you might do by contributing *largely* to that cause which seeks to hasten God's promise of a day when nations shall learn war no more? This promise, you know well, has never yet been fulfilled; but it can be, must be, will be. Do you ask when? Just when the means He has prescribed for the purpose, shall be used aright. No Christian can doubt this; for God has promised it in his word as distinctly, as unequivocally, as he has the world's conversion to Christianity, or even the sal-

vation of any penitent believer in Christ. A consummation how ineffably important and glorious! What a jubilee would there be in heaven on seeing an end put forever to this great sin and scourge of our race in all ages—no more WAR or PREPARATION for WAR!

By what other use of your money, then, can you prevent more evil, or secure more good? Christendom is now keeping under arms from five to seven million warriors, the very bone and sinew of their power and prosperity, to sustain her war-system even in peace, and spending, in one way and another, some two thousand million dollars every year. What an immense waste of money and moral power! Enough, if rightly applied, to carry on the work of evangelizing half a dozen such worlds as ours.

Now, we would undervalue none of the popular modes of doing good. It is a noble charity to relieve the poor, to reform the vicious, or provide for the sufferers from a pestilence or a conflagration; but a fraction of the money requisite for such purposes, would be likely in the cause of peace to save millions from poverty, and hundreds of thousands from widowhood and orphanage, from disease and death. A single million of dollars, perhaps half a million a year, if used aright in this cause, might suffice to put a stop ere-long to all actual war in Christendom, and an end at length to her whole war-system. Can you conceive a better use of money?

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